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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO; NAIROBI FOR RSS AND CO CO "F"

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SUBJECT: STAFFING OF MSG DETACHMENT - ABIDJAN

REF: SY/OPS/FO MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 20, 1978

1. THE REFERENCED MEMORANDUM SHOWS THAT ABIDJAN DETACHMENT WORKING AT AN AVERAGE OF 32.5 HOURS A WEEK, INCLUSIVE OF THE 1/9 FACTOR. THE MOST RECENT MSG INSPECTION REPORT, DATED 4/4/78, INDICATES THE HOURS AS 32.8 WITHOUT, AND 36.4 WITH THE FACTOR.

2. AS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE REDUCTION IN DAKAR, RSO ABIDJAN IS REVIEWING EACH DETACHMENT DURING ROUTINE VISITS TO CONSTITUENT POSTS. IN SO DOING, ABIDJAN'S PROGRAM WAS CLOSELY REVIEWED IN EARLY JULY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR A REDUCTION OR AUGMENTATION AS APPROPRIATE. THE REVIEW HELPED THE POST TO IDENTIFY A WEAKNESS WITH REGARD TO THE COVERAGE OF CHAR FORCE PERSONNEL. PREVIOUSLY, ONLY ONE MARINE WAS ON DUTY BETWEEN THE HOURS 0430-0800. THE RSO BELIEVED THIS COVERAGE TO BE ADEQUATE AS HE ASSUMED, AND WRONGLY SO, THAT THE MSG WOULD NOT BE OCCUPIED WITH OTHER DUTIES DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE.

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DEPARTURES OF COURIERS AND REGIONAL PERSONNEL, THE TELEPHONE AND RADIO, THE OPENING OF REDSO OFFICES AND OCCASIONAL NIACT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAMS REQUIRE THE MARINE'S UNDIVIDED ATTENTION. IF THE CHAR FORCE IS WORKING IN A RESTRICTED AREA, THEY MUST STOP WORK AND WAIT IN THE LOBBY AREA UNTIL THE MARINE IS AGAIN FREE TO ESCORT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS OPENS THE DOOR FOR THE CHAR FORCE

TO BE LEFT ALONE(INADVERTENTLY) IN A RESTRICTED AREA.

3. BASED ON THE ABOVE, RSO HAS INSTRUCTED THE NCOIC TO INITIATE A TWO-MAN WATCH WHEN THE CHAR FORCE IS IN THE BUILDING ENSURING ADEQUATE COVERAGE OF THE CHANCERY. THIS INCREASES THE NUMBER OF HOURS TO 41.07, INCLUSIVE OF THE 1/9 FACTOR.

4. FYI: THE ABIDJAN DETACHMENT WAS REDUCED FROM 7/1 TO 6/1 EARLY THIS YEAR.
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